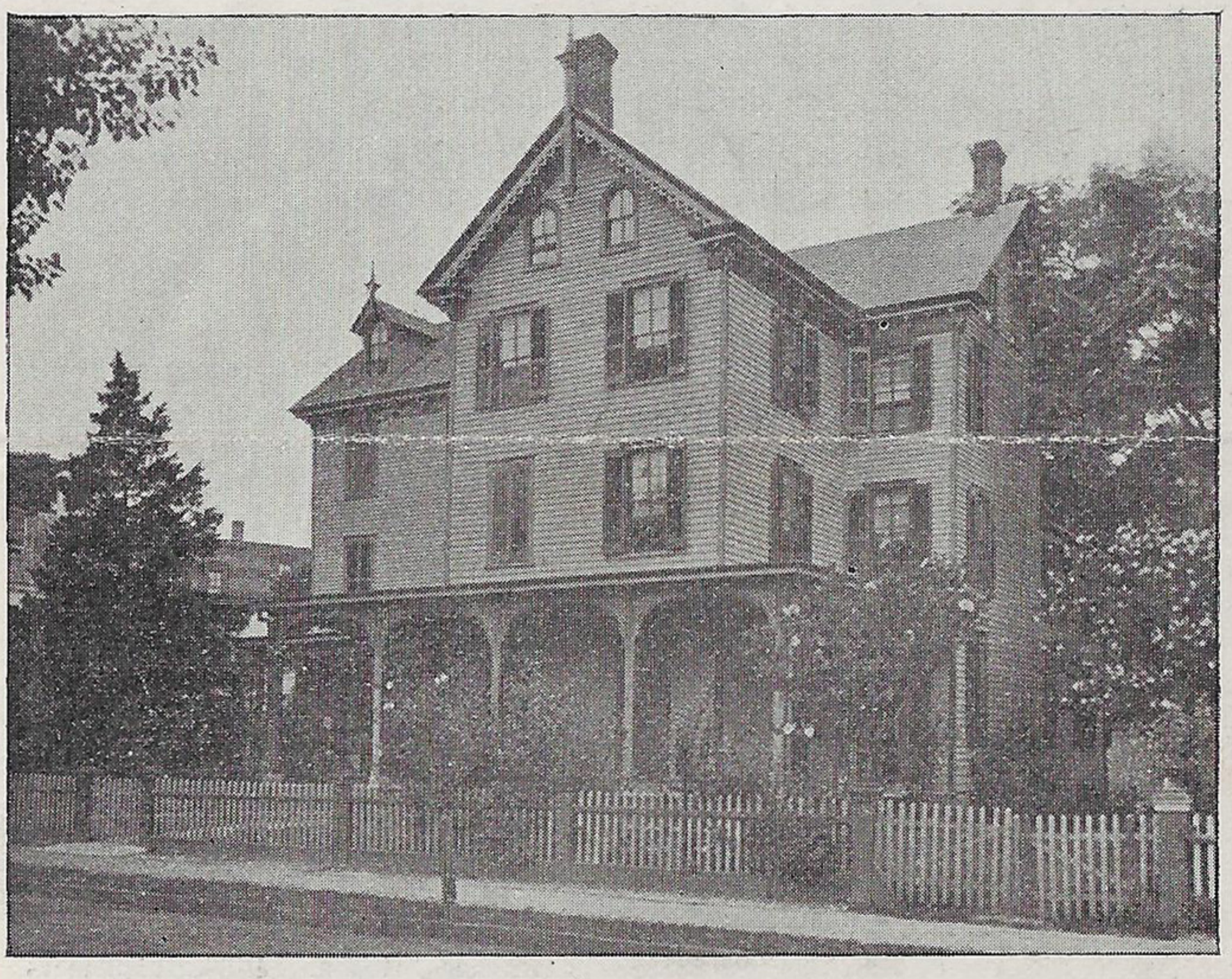
# THE HOLIDAY HOUSE

OF THE

# GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY

# IN PENNSYLVANIA



G. F. S.

615 HUGHES STREET

CAPE MAY

NEW JERSEY

TO THOSE who have helped us in the past — friends, Associates, both working and honorary, and Members, —to those who have given us so generously of their prayers and work, and sometimes play, it is refreshing to turn and say—our Holiday House is OURS.

In 1896 we bought the house for $9,000,00, making a first payment of $4,000,00, and taking up the burden of a mortgage for $5,000,00. In the seven years that have passed, we have little by little tried to decrease the size of this troublesome tenant, paying off $1,000,00 when we could, and hoping that some day we might really feel the joy of possession. Many friends have helped in so many ways, and to all of these we are indebted; to annual subscribers, to all those who have given concerts, readings and plays; to the Comedy Club, and to a lecture on "Ober-Ammergau," for two specially helpful nights; to several very successful "fairs," and to the many friends who have sent us sums of money, almost always accompanied by letters of encouragement and good wishes.

Our thanks are especially due to Mr. Charles C. Townsend, of Messrs. Townsend, Elliott & Townsend, for taking entire charge of all the mortgage business; and to Mr. William D. Neilson, of Messrs. Neilson & Woodruff, for advice and care in the investment of the Burton Memorial Fund.

A day or two after Easter in this year of 1903—our mortgage was canceled, and we start a season free of debt. Looking back over our seven years—we see so much to be thankful for. We have been greatly blessed in our selection of House Mothers, and under Miss Smith's wise management for five years, and Miss Sheffield's very successful season last year, our summer holiday has been helpful in many ways. We have been singularly free from serious illness or accident. We have had our house so full in July and August that we have wished that its walls might be of a more elastic nature. Last year, one of our best seasons, we had 364 guests, and just here it may be interesting to note that we have had nearly 2600 guests in our seven years of Holiday House life.

Our members come from all sorts of trades and professions, while some are "daughters at home," and one or two short weeks is all they may take from a busy year, while long sojourns "abroad," or in the North Shore, or in the mountains are impossibilities. Philadelphia is almost unique in its propersity for heat and dust, humidity and discomfort, for four months in the year, and only those who must stay in town can know the utter delight of a week of sea air, and fresh breezes and cool sands, and the dainty charm of good food, pretty rooms, a cordial welcome, and seven days of rest and idleness.

Meanwhile, the price of board, $3.00 per week, barely covers expenses, and in our seven years of mortgage-raising, little has been done for improvements, save of the most urgent character. We need a new stove in our laundry, and a good washing-machine, some very necessary repairs to our roofing; household linen of all kinds; groceries, bathing suits, and china, etc., for the dining-room.

Any one wishing to visit the Holiday House will be most cordially welcome on Donation Day, June 13th, or after that, on any morning until September 14th.

MARY A. L. NEILSON, *Diocesan President,*
G. F. S. in Penna.

ELLEN HORNER,
*Head of Department.*

M. R. VIGUERS,
*Chairman of House Com.*

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Checks should be made payable to
MISS H. J. WRIGHT, *Treasurer*
1934 Arch Street, Philadelphia

15th April, 1903.

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# SUBSCRIBERS IN 1902

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Mrs. R. A. Fisher
Miss L. V. Stone
Mrs. Rankin
Miss Reece
Mrs. J. B. Townsend
Miss S. R. Watson
Miss M. A. L. Neilson
Miss A. F. Paul
Miss H. de C. Kelly
Mrs. C. Stewart Patterson
Miss A. P. Stevenson
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Miss Coates
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Mrs. G. S. Fullerton
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Mr. J. G. Rosengarten
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Mrs. Samuel Chew
Mrs. George Harrison
Mrs. Sidney Keith
Mrs. Robert Lewis
Miss Lewis
Miss Mary Newhall
Mrs. Henry Wilson
Mrs. Wiltbank
Mrs. Wright
Mrs. John Lambert
The Misses Binney
Miss Elizabeth Swift
In Memory of Miss Mirian Sheppard
Mrs. C. M. Daugherty
Miss M. C. Rutherford
Mrs. George C. Thomas
Mrs. Walker
Mr. W. S. Kessler

*Deceased.

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIVED.

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| Balance from November 12th, 1901, | | $326 83 |
| Annual Subscriptions, | | 186 00 |
| Donations to Mrs. Arthur Wells Memorial Fund, | | 825 15 |
| Donations to Current Fund, | | 375 45 |
| Interest on "Helen Carstairs Burton Memorial Fund," | | 75 00 |
| Interest on Deposits, | | 12 66 |
| To open Holiday House, | | 50 00 |
| Fair at Lansdowne, Pa., | | 308 00 |
| Collection at Annual Service, | | 308 85 |
| Receipts at Holiday House, | 1 779 27 | |
| Other Donations, | 289 59 | |
| | | $4536 80 |

EXPENDED.

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| Interest on Mortgage from April 30th, 1902, to April 15th, 1903, | $ 100 00 | |
| Payment on Mortgage, April 16th, 1902, | 1 100 00 | |
| Railway Tickets, prepaid, | 100 00 | |
| To Open Holiday House, | 50 00 | |
| Insurance, | 187 50 | |
| Water Rent, | 48 00 | |
| Taxes, | 102 60 | |
| Gas, | 2 85 | |
| Interest on "Burton Memorial Fund" for Free Bed, | 15 00 | |
| Salary of Associate, | 75 00 | |
| Special for Bathing Suits and Bath Houses, | 39 63 | |
| Repairs, etc., | 29 24 | |
| Expenses at Holiday House, | 1 577 01 | |
| Balance paid to Current Fund, | 206 26 | |
| Last payment on Mortgage, April 13th, 1903, | 1 000 00 | |
| Balance, | 7 71 | |
| | | $4 536 80 |

15th April, 1903.

Audited and found correct,
C. P. CROASDILL.
P. S. BURNELL.

H. J. WRIGHT,
*Treasurer.*